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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2
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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT

1. ONE MAJOR REASON WHY KING WILL WANT TO HAVE A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT IS TO RELATE TO THE PRESIDENT IN SOME DETAIL THE HISTORY OF HIS ON-GOING PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH THE ISRAELIS. HE HAS, AS YOU KNOW, HAD OVER 600 HOURS OF PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH THEM IN THE LAST TEN OR SO YEARS. HE WILL WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT HE HAS TRIED HARD TO GET THINGS MOVING IN THIS FACE-TO-FACE ENVIRONMENT, BUT HAS HAD NO SUCCESS.

2. IN ADDITION, I BELIEVE ALSO HE WILL WANT TO POINT OUT QUIETLY TO THE PRESIDENT THAT HIS FILES BULGE WITH WRITTEN COMMITMENTS OF PAST U.S. PRESIDENTS TO HIS REGIME AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. AS FAR AS THE WEST BANK IS CONCERNED THEY ARE UNFULFILLED. HE WILL ALSO WANT TO POINT OUT, QUIETLY AND FRANKLY, AS HE DID DURING YOUR VISIT, THE KEY ROLE HE FELT HE PLAYED IN GETTING THE EGYPTIANS AMONG OTHERS, TO ACCEPT UNSC RESOLUTION 242 AFTER THE
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3. ALL OF THIS WILL BE PUT FORWARD TO INDICATE THE KING'S CONCEPT THAT WE HAVE HAD A SPECIAL KIND OF RELATIONSHIP, AND THAT HE WILL WANT TO CONTINUE IN THAT LIGHT WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. WHAT HE FELT HE HAS SHARED WITH US HAS BEEN COMMON AIMS AND

OBJECTIVES AND HE HOPES TO CONTINUE TO DO SO.

4. I SET THIS DOWN AS BACKGROUND BECAUSE I BELIEVE
IT WOULD BE BEST IF IT COULD BE MADE CLEAR TO
HUSSEIN IN ADVANCE THAT THE SORT OF PRIVATE (ONE
ON ONE) MEETING HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE WOULD BE
AGREEABLE TO THE PRESIDENT. HE WILL NOT WANT TO
EMBARRASS THE PRESIDENT BY SUGGESTING SUCH A MEETING,
BUT WOULD OF COURSE BE MOST INTERESTED IF THE PRESI-
DENT'S WILLINGNESS COULD BE RELAYED TO HIM--DIRECTLY
BY THE PRESIDENT, OR ALTERNATIVELY THROUGH YOU OR ME IF
THAT WERE THOUGHT MORE DESIRABLE.
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